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**Patti LaBelle
enters the DL Zone
in new movie role**



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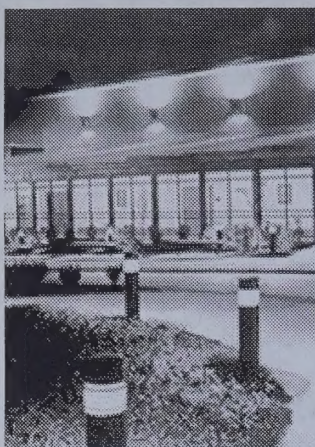


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Catching up with award winning
actor & KEVIN'S ROOM Star

Sanford Gaylord



Brothers & Sisters United® Winter Retreat # 11

Thursday December 4th - Sunday December 7th, 2008

Montgomery Bell State Park Inn & Conference Center, Burns TN

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The atmosphere is very relaxed and gives participants a chance to explore issues of identity, spirituality, and sexuality. It is facilitated in non-threatening and culturally sensitive forums. At times it can be entertaining, provocative and emotional. Although the majority of participants live in the State of Tennessee, others have traveled from Chicago, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Washington D.C., Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Mississippi to join us. Since the development of our Lesbian group, Sisters United, our retreat is now open to the entire LGBT community. Montgomery Bell is about 50 miles from Nashville, 161 miles from Chattanooga, 186 miles from the Memphis & West TN areas, and 218 miles from Knoxville.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is provided? Lodging, six (6) buffet style meals, commemorative item, all work & playshops, activities, entertainment, in-door pool out-door hot tub & exercise facility. Single night rates available. Montgomery Bell is also pet friendly!

How much does it cost? \$179 for returning guests, and \$199 for newcomers, before September 30th. \$225 for all after October 1st.

What are the accommodations? 3 night / 4 day hotel style double beds, TV, window and standard bathroom with tub and shower.

How do you pay? Cash (on-site/in person), credit card, money orders, or PAY-PAL Internet payments. (Please contact Dwayne first before e-mailing payments to: bronetwkn@aol.com)

What is your refund policy? To receive a full refund you must request it in writing before September 23rd. After that, your registration will be carried forward one year with no penalty. If you are unable to attend again, your fee will not be returned. Registration fees are transferable for the first year.

How do you get to the site? Participants that drive will be given directions. Participants that fly will be offered free roundtrip airport shuttle service, but must arrive on Thursday and depart on Sunday after 1 PM. The park is located 50 miles from Nashville, 161 from Chattanooga, 186 from the Memphis & West TN area, and 218 from Knoxville.

How many are you expecting? 50+ men & women ages 18-80.



2006 Group photo

Things to bring: A calm, friendly & peaceful spirit! Extra spending money to support our showcase artists or authors that will be selling their merchandise. Swimming trunks & workout clothes, ear plugs if you are a light sleeper, any special dietary needs or medications, hiking/walking gear if you are into the outdoors, board games for those late night evening hours of play, and a camera or video recorder for photos & special moments.

Things to leave at home: All family, work or baby-daddy/mommy related drama, illegal drugs or paraphernalia, and any intended plan on turning the weekend into your personal sex fest. We're not saying folks can't, or don't hook up, we're just asking that it isn't the main reason that anyone may want to attend. :-)

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The BU Network is autonomous from, yet complementary to, the Nashville CARES BU/YBU programs in that all of the events & activities provide in-depth, longer term life skills required for success outside of, but essential to, HIV prevention, outreach and education. Mr. Jenkins is the primary contact for all projects.

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From Where I Stand by Dwayne Jenkins, Editor

Before you ask, this image is not me! I just came across the photo and thought that the likeness was close enough to warrant its inclusion. There are many times during the course of the week that I do have the urge to fling my hair just as fiercely as this gentleman, so don't go hating on our real booty length locs!

A few months ago, while relaxing in front of the television, I suddenly noticed that a majority of the shows were either reality or competition based. At first I thought that the writer's strike may have caused the influx, but many of these shows have been around for more than 2-3 years and or seasons. Okay, I admit that I have seen, and do currently watch a few of them, but the one's that I find appealing don't demoralize, demonize, or fall into the trash TV category. After sitting back and discussing this with a few of my friends, I realized that reality shows had actually taken over many years ago. Where the hell was I? The reason I wanted to share this topic with our readers is because I wanted to know if anyone else has noticed the similarities between what we see on TV with what goes on in many of our personal lives. I know I sound like someone's grand daddy, but a lot of the crap that is done on TV has unfortunately leaked into real life. Folks are walking around competing with others, with no actual contest or prize at stake, and it's getting ugly. Yeah, some will say that they watch these shows for entertainment purposes only, and they can watch whatever they want. Even though I agree for the most part, I would like all of us to carefully compare the issues and drama that surround either us or our family and friends to the crap that we may be addicted to on television. If you notice that your life's circumstances are worse than any of your favorite reality shows, I suggest that you either hire a camera person to follow your trifling ass around, or immediately stop in your tracks and reconsider changing your life. We all will struggle from time to time, but honestly; some of the lives that we are allowing ourselves to live should be subject to get canceled-not because of ratings, but for our own sanity. Keep in mind that people may tune in daily to observe your dramodey (drama/comedy) that you call life, but is that what you really want?

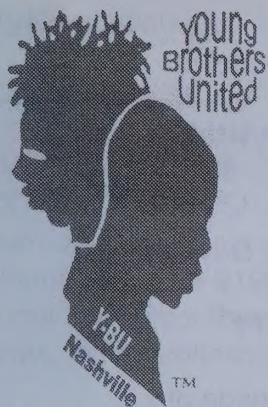
As the democratic nominee race continues, please remember that once a candidate is selected and the true presidential election contest begins; we all MUST be registered to take part in the November vote. We've registered plenty of you over the past year, and will continue to have the applications available until 30 days prior to Election Day, 11/4.



As some of you may know, Nashville CARES now offers the OraQuick HIV oral swab test. This test allows us to give results in just 20 minutes. The test is 99% accurate and doesn't use needles or blood. Many have made appointments between classes, and even on their lunch break. It's quick, easy and in most cases, takes less time than it does to actually have sex, including even the most advanced methods of masturbation.



This year, Brothers and Sisters United, along with Nashville Black Pride are looking for volunteer models for our upcoming health education & community themed materials. If you are first timer, or have previously taken/submitted photos and want to update them, please contact me. We are not looking for one type, shape, or age because our community is very diverse. If you are sick of the same old images that don't look like you or your friends, this is your chance to step up, be seen, and represent you clique! Okay, I went back a decade or so for that line, but you know what I mean.



YOUNG GIFTED & BLACK by DaShawn Usher

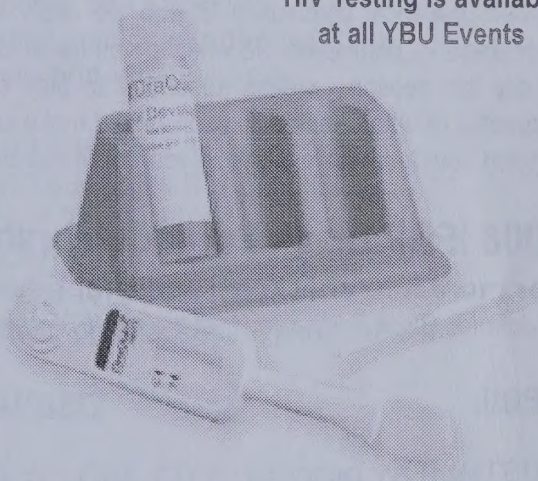
As we approach the upcoming months, I will take this time to plug some of the upcoming events with Young Brothers United (YBU).

YBU is seeking dedicated members to volunteer their time to help with this year's upcoming events. Coming to any YBU function is considered community service because you are volunteering your time. It is a great opportunity to come together with other guys in our community in a non-club atmosphere. I will be working on different events for the rest of the year, and hope that you can join us during one or more of the YBU events on the following dates:

Saturday, April 5: Movie Night 6 pm - 8 pm at CARES
 Saturday, April 19: Discussions 5 pm - 7 pm at CARES
 Saturday, May 3: Movie Night 6 pm - 8 pm at CARES
 Saturday, May 17: Discussions 5 pm - 7 pm at CARES
 Saturday, May 31: Movie Night 6 pm - 8 pm at CARES
 Saturday, June 28: Movie Night 6 pm - 8 pm at CARES

We have also switched to the oral rapid HIV test called OraQuick. So instead of waiting the usual 3 to 4 days to get your test result, you will know your status in about 20 minutes. Testing is available Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All other times are by appointment only. If you have any suggestions or comments feel free to contact me at 615-259-4866 x221, dusher@nashvillecares.org, or at www.myspace/ybucare.

**Free & confidential
 HIV Testing is available
 at all YBU Events**



**99% Accurate
 No Blood, No Needles
 Results in just 20 minutes!**



"Conversations: A Talk with My Brother" will begin this quarter. Originally started in California by Tim Daniels with Standing-N-Truth, this social gathering will take place in someone's home. Now that Tim has relocated to Nashville and works with Dwayne and I at CARES, we thought it would be great to develop a similar project that combines our programs. Unlike previous BU & YBU discussion sessions "Conversations" will be a more intimate social gathering, which is why an R.S.V.P. will be needed. Food and refreshments will

be served, and the location will be given upon sign up. You can contact Dwayne for more additional information at 259-4866 x269 or djenkins@nashvillecares.org. The schedule for "Conversations" is as follows:

Friday, April 25: 6:30 pm - 8 pm location TBA
 Friday, May 23: 6:30 pm - 8 pm location TBA
 Friday, June 27: 6:30 pm - 8 pm (National HIV Testing Day) location TBA



The International Federation of Black Prides (IFBP) is a coalition of Black Pride organizers formed to promote a multinational network of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Same Gender Loving (LGBT/SGL) Prides and community-based organizations. The IFBP develops sponsorship strategies, provides technical assistance, mentoring, and a strong support system for one another. The organization acquired its IRS 501 (c)(3) non-profit status in November, 2004.

Each city puts a lot of time, money, sweat and tears into their weekend. Even though all prides love out of towners to visit, the local community is who we really want to encourage to participate. So whether you travel to another city this season, please remember to play safe, be respectful of others, enjoy yourselves and make sure you support your local pride efforts in your individual cities!

2008 IFBP Black Pride Celebrations

For more info checkout: www.ifbprides.org

*(*denotes Black Pride cities that are not IFBP members)*

APRIL

AUSTIN, TX
AUSTIN RELAY 4 LIFE PRIDE CELEBRATION
APRIL 4-6, 2008
CONTACT: Rodgerick Bradley / 512 929-0322
Email: austinrelaypride@gmail.com
www.austinrelaypride.com

PHILADELPHIA, PA
PHILADELPHIA BLACK GAY PRIDE
APRIL 24-27, 2008
CONTACT: Chris Alston
1201 Chestnut Street, 15th Fl
Philadelphia, PA 19101
Phone: 215 873-3273
Email: phillyblackpride@gmail.com
www.phillyblackpride.org

MAY

WASHINGTON, DC
WASHINGTON DC BLACK PRIDE
MAY 21-26, 2008
CONTACT: Ray Daniels
Black Lesbian & Gay Pride Day, Inc.
P.O. Box 77071
Washington, DC 20013-3071
Phone: 202 737-5767
Email: contactus@dcblackpride.org
www.dcblackpride.org

JUNE

NEWARK, NJ *
NEWARK-ESSEX PRIDE
JUNE 9-15, 2008
CONTACT: June Dowell-Burton
Phone: 973 941-2104
Email: newarkessexpride@gmail.com or
june1225@aol.com / www.newarkessexpride.org

BOSTON, MA
BLACK GAY PRIDE NEW ENGLAND
JUNE 13-15, 2008
CONTACT: TBA

PORTLAND, OR
PORTLAND BLACK PRIDE
JUNE 12-15, 2008
CONTACT: Alisa Simmons
Phone: 503 417-7991
Email: alsia@brotobropdx.org
www.brotobropdx.org

MEMPHIS, TN
MEMPHIS TN BLACK PRIDE
JUNE 12-15, 2008
CONTACT: Terryl Buckner
Phone: 901 522-8459
Email: hardawayarg@yahoo.com
or terrylbuck61@aol.com
www.memphisblackpride.com



JUNE continued

COLUMBIA, SC
SOUTH CAROLINA BLACK PRIDE
JUNE 25-29, 2008
CONTACT: Todd Shaw /
Jermaine Lee [National Organizer]
Phone: 803-799-9190
Email: info@southcarolinablackpride.com
www.southcarolinablackpride.com

JULY

LOS ANGELES, CA
AT THE BEACH (ATB)
JULY 3 -6, 2008
Phone: 323 293-4282
Email: atbla@aol.com
www.atbla.com



CHICAGO, IL
CHICAGO WINDY CITY BLACK LGBT-SGL PRIDE
JULY 2-7, 2008
CONTACT: Charles E. Nelson II
Phone: 773 268-5678
Email: cnelson@windycitychicagoblackpride.org
www.windycitychicagoblackpride.org

CHARLOTTE, NC
CHARLOTTE NC BLACK GAY PRIDE
JULY 17-20, 2008
CONTACT: Lynkoya Handy
Email: cncbgp@yahoo.com
www.charlotteblackgaypride.org

SEATTLE, WA
SEATTLE BLACK PRIDE
JULY 18-20, 2008
Phone: 206 324-1520
Email: info@seattleblackpride.com
www.seattleblackpride.com

TAMPA, FL
CENTRAL FLORIDA BLACK PRIDE
JULY 23-27, 2008
CONTACT: Ricc Rollins
Phone: 813 391-6776
Email: riccrollins@aol.com
www.floridablacpride.com

LITTLE ROCK, AR
LITTLE ROCK BLACK PRIDE *
JULY 18-20, 2008
CONTACT: Torrie
Phone: 501 398-0307
Email: srogers@littlerockblackpride.com

LONDON, ENGLAND UK
OUTBURST UK BLACK PRIDE FESTIVAL
July 19, 2008
CONTACT: Andrew Prince
Phone: 0208-678-6689
Email: info@outburstuk.org

DETROIT, MI
DETROIT'S HOTTER THAN JULY
JULY 21-29, 2008
CONTACT: Hank Millbourne
P.O. Box 3025
Detroit, MI 48231
Phone: 888 755-9165
Email: info@hotterthanjuly.com
www.hotterthanjuly.com

PITTSBURGH, PA
PITTSBURGH BLACK PRIDE
JULY 24-27, 2008
CONTACT: Deryck Tines
Phone: 412 261-1692
Email: pghblackpride@hotmail.com

AUGUST

NEW YORK CITY / BROOKLYN, NY
PRIDE IN THE CITY
AUGUST 2-10, 2008
CONTACT: Kevin Williams - POCC
Phone: 718 230-0770 Ext 238
www.prideinthecity.com

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
TORONTO BLACK PRIDE
AUGUST 7-10, 2008
CONTACT: Michelle Mapp
Phone: 905 726-1615
Email: info@torontoblackpride.com
www.torontoblackpride.com

AUGUST continued

JACKSONVILLE, FL
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA BLACK PRIDE, INC
AUGUST 7-10, 2008
CONTACT: Christopher Foreman/Jonathan Martin
Jacksonville Florida Black Pride, Inc.
P.O. Box 18841
Jacksonville, FL 32229
Phone: 904 858-3757
Email: jaxbp@aol.com
www.jaxxblackpride.com



INDIANAPOLIS, IN
INDIANA BLACK GAY PRIDE
AUGUST 8 -10, 2008
CONTACT: Tiffany Dow/Stephion Gromes
Phone: 317 413-8728 / 317 529-4485
Email: indianablackgaypride@yahoo.com
www.indianablackpride.com

ST. LOUIS, MO
ST. LOUIS BLACK PRIDE
AUGUST 15-17, 2008
CONTACT: Erise Williams, Jr. President
ST. LOUIS BLACK GAY
& LESBIAN PRIDE COMMITTEE, INC.
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St. Louis, Missouri 63108
Phone: 314 531-2284
Email: ewilliams@stlouisblackpride.org
www.stlouisblackpride.org

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

ATLANTA, GA
IN THE LIFE ATLANTA
AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 1, 2008
CONTACT: Anare V. Holmes
In The Life Atlanta
346 Auburn Avenue, NE Suite 126
ATLANTA, GA 30312
Phone: 404 872-6410
Email: iaholmes@intheatl.com
www.inthelifeatl.com

OCTOBER

DALLAS, TX
DALLAS SOUTHERN PRIDE
OCTOBER 2-5, 2008
CONTACT: Roy Murray
Phone: 214 498-5815
Email: dallasblack2k@yahoo.com
www.dallassouthernpride.com

BALTIMORE, MD
BALTIMORE BLACK GAY PRIDE
OCTOBER 10-13, 2008
CONTACT: Carlton Smith
Baltimore Black Gay Pride, Inc.
PO Box 23744
Baltimore, MD 21203
Phone: 410 609-6302
Email: info@bmoreblackpride.org
www.bmoreblackpride.org

JACKSON, MS
JACKSON BLACK PRIDE
OCTOBER 16-19, 2008
CONTACT: Dr. Mark A. Colomb
Jackson Black Pride
P.O. Box 4682
Jackson, MS 39296-4682
Phone: 601 957-3625
Email: mcolomb@mbk-inc.org
www.jacksonblackpride.org

NASHVILLE, TN
NASHVILLE BLACK PRIDE
OCTOBER 24-26, 2008
CONTACT: Dwayne Jenkins
Phone: 615 974-2832 / 800 845-4266 EXT 269
Email: nashblackpride@aol.com
www.brothersunited.com/blackpride.htm or
www.myspace.com/nashvilleblackpride

NOVEMBER

SHREVEPORT, LA *
SHREVEPORT BLACK PRIDE
NOVEMBER 2 -5, 2008
CONTACT: Keith Boyd
Phone: 817 401-7678
Email: events@7connection.com
www.shreveportpride.com

Catching up with Actor & Activist Sanford Gaylord

by Dwayne Jenkins, Editor



Why were you originally interested in the KEVIN'S ROOM Project?

I was interested because it was something that I had never seen before and I knew that it would be history making. Before I auditioned for the role, I had only been in one other film flashback sequence in, Living with Pride Ruth Ellis @ 100, a film by Yvonne Welbon. As an openly Gay man of African descent that was and still is an actor, I had to part of it in some way.

Were you surprised by the success of the first episode and how it was received by the community? *I knew that we were creating a little bit of history. The film Punks came out around the same time but Kevin's Room aired on what was then UPN, here in Chicago. I was blown away, and still am happy to hear what an affect all three films have had on the communities across the U.S. and abroad. I think it was well received by many communities. If anything, it got people to talking which is what the films were meant to do in the first place. The Chicago Department of Public Health produces the series. Lora Branch is the executive producer. To this day, we're humbled by folks that have taken the time to send an email or write. Some have expressed how they used the film to come out to their families. To have been part of a project that shows that we, SGL, Gay people of African descent are human...to not have the extreme stereotypes shown. I'm proud.*

As an award winning actor, how important do you think it is to be out with your sexuality? *Good question! You know, everyone has to have their own comfort level with the decisions that they make. I guess I have always been out. People have asked me is my name a stage name but it ain't. Gaylord is my last name. I've been out for a while. If you are not true to yourself, you are living a lie, I think. Even though we are in the 21st Century, there is still homophobia and bashing. One needs to be comfortable with themselves and understand that you may always need to fight for the right to be...but we're all worth fighting for aren't we?*

For me, it was always important to be out and be proud of who I am. I am and we are much more than a sexual act or behavior. Before Kevin's Room I was working with A Real Read, it was an African American LGBT Performance Ensemble. The first of it's kind and I am proud to say that the ensemble was recently inducted into Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. We performed our own original works as well as other playwrights that were African American and LGBT from 1996 - 2002. Many of the cast members of A Real Read are in the Kevin's Room series. Byron Stewart who's character is Paris in the series was one of the co-founding members of A Real Read.

As a person who has been involved in HIV/AIDS advocacy, prevention & care for over 10 years, do you think that films such as KEVIN'S ROOM help to educate our community about the importance of their sexual health? *Yes I do. We are 26 years into a pandemic. You have to have multiple ways of reaching people. The door that leads into a support group can intimidate many folks. Others may not be comfortable with coming to an LGBT film festival to see a film like Kevin's Room or Dirty Laundry but if they get a DVD and play it in their own homes, it could get them to thinking differently about their health as well as the way they view themselves as human being, I think. As many ways as it takes to save the generations that follow us all.*

Now that the KEVIN'S ROOM Trilogy is complete, do you have plans to continue your craft within the LGBT market? *I would love to do so depending on the timing and the script. One of the things I have learned as a "seasoned man" is that it's about the quality, not the quantity of your work.*

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When you first signed on for the original **KEVIN'S ROOM** film back in 2001, did you think that that there would be additional episodes? And if so, did you think that you would be featured in all of the films some seven years later? *I was bugging the hell out of Lora to make sure that there would be additional episodes, especially with the cliffhanger! As an actor, I'm very happy and humbled to have been featured in all three roles. The public expressing themselves had the writer's keep me and expand my role within the series. With part 3, you really get to see more of Jhalil Harris and the relationship that he and Kevin have had for nearly ten years together. It's just like anyone else's relationship. There will be good times and bad times but if you don't communicate there can be drama.*

As a person who is immersed in the theater, do you feel that there is a story left to tell about the experiences of Black LGBT/ Same Gender Loving people that hasn't been done yet? *Life is constantly changing. Human beings have documented their lives since early cave drawings. Yes, there is so much more to tell. So much more that folks need to see and be inspired by. I recently met one of your staffers at the 2008 MSM Conference on HIV/AIDS. DaShawn. Just talking to the young brotha and him asking me questions showed me that we can always learn and be inspired by one another.*

In this issue of the **BASU SOURCE** we will be listing a few of our favorite films made for, by, and about the Black LGBT Community. Do you have any favorites that you would like to share? Yes, there are a few: *Chocolate Babies* from 1997. *Looking for Langston* by Isaac Julien, 1988, one of my favorites! *Punks*, or *Living with Pride* Ruth Ellis @ 100, the African film *Dakan* or *Ritual* by Stanley Bennett Clay. *Strange Fruit*, *The Ski Trip* and *Dirty Laundry* are must see's.

Do you have a favorite **KEVIN'S ROOM** episode? If yes, which one and why? *I have to say part one. It was the first and it broke ground.*



In **KEVIN'S ROOM 2: TRUST**, how did you feel about your character and his implied infidelity? *Well...as an actor, I was able to show more of who Jhalil was and I enjoyed working in part 2 and exploring what was up and could be up with him and Michael. Implied infidelity, well, stuff like that happens everyday in relationship doesn't it. Communication is so important in any relationship and all relationships no matter what they are, take work. I think if anyone has been in a relationship and your partner is out of work and they provided the cushion, you can imagine the stress that*

Jhalil was under. Remember that my character had also been lied to by his partner that he had a commitment ceremony with. Kevin never went back for his HIV results and we stopped using condoms. Then you lose your job and the ex pop's up to open a new branch of his company! Pretty tempting huh? Any relationship has it's ups and down, baby!

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself or the **KEVIN'S ROOM** series with our readers? *Thank you for watching the series and letting folks know about the films. I'm very proud of the work that I did and how it has meant so many things for so many people. Thank you for supporting the series and making it what it has become.*

Sanford, thank you for your time, friendship, talent, voice and brotherhood. Much love!



If you've never seen any of the **KEVIN'S ROOM** episodes during any of the screenings that BU has sponsored in Nashville over the years, don't worry, we will be providing more opportunities all year to see this ground breaking film series. You can also check out the official website at www.kevinsroom.org

Goodies for your LGBT DVD Library



Below you will find a short list of DVD's that are currently available to purchase with LGBT main characters. For a full listing of the films we've screened over the past 12 years go to our [www.brothersunited](http://www.brothersunited.com) website on the Nashville page under the film section. For a description of each of the films below check out www.tlvideo.com.

African American/Black Cast

DIRTY LAUNDRY
THE DL CHRONICLES (Season 1)
SKI TRIP
NOAH'S ARC (Season 1 & 2)
STRANGE FRUIT
RITUAL
THE CLOSET: Platinum Edition
BLACK AURA ON AN ANGEL
BROTHER 2 BROTHER
LOOKING FOR LANGSTON
TONGUES UNITED

Live/Entertainment

2006 CLIK HONORS
TRUTH ABOUT THE DL (Play)

Hispanic/Latino Cast

ON THE DOWNLOW
EAST SIDE STORY
QUINCEANERA
LOS JORNALEROS
BEAR CUB

Mixed Ethnicity

BOY CULTURE
COFFEE DATE
THE RECEPTION

HIV Related

LIFE SUPPORT

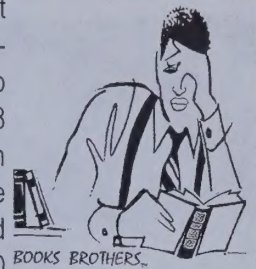
Ball Room Scene

HOW DO I LOOK?
PARIS IS BURNING

International Films

DAKAN
METROSEXUALITY
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Below are a list of some book titles that we have recently added to our "suggested reading" list from our website. To see our complete list from 1997 to 2008 check out our book club page on www.brothersunited.com. For more information about any of the books listed contact the staff at OUTLOUD



Department Store in Nashville at (615) 340-0034 or e-mail them at outloud@outloudonline.com. You can also search the title or author on either google.com or amazon.com. If there is a particular title that you still can not find, feel free to e-mail us at booksbros@aol.com.

Brother to Brother (2007 edition)

Blood Beats: Vol 2

In Love with a Thug

Forbidden Fruit

Soul-Full & Rhythms

Blessed and Highly Favored

Other Countries

My Love Life is a Slow Jam

Their Own Receive Them Not

Getting in 2 My Shorts

Eclectic Essence

Creative Exchange

Gentleman Jigger

Three Sides to Every Story

The Song of a Man child

Details

My Man, My Boyz

A Private Affair

Jaded

Once You Go Black

Balancing Act

That Moment When

The Messiah

Dark Reflections

Looker

Choices

Covenant

Flirting

Strapped

Right side of the Wrong Bed

Impossible Dreams

Who is Jordan Carter?

Internal Chas

Two of Hearts

Drifting Toward Love

Unspeakable

Hemphill/Beam

Ernest Hardy

Reginald L. Hall

Will Kane

Leo Shelton

R. Bryant Smith

Black Gay Voices

Tommie Watkins

Horace L. Griffin

Dwayne Carter

Lorenzo C. Robertson

Victor Anderson

Richard Bruce Nugent

Clarence Nero

Durrell Owens

Dayne Avery

Dwayne Vernon

Michael Warren

Kevin E. Taylor

Robert Reid Phairr

J. Plummer & K. Hunter

George K. Jordan

Lee Hayes

Samuel R. Delany

Stanley Bennette Clay

Skyy

Rashid Darden

Tim'M T. West

Laurinda D. Brown

Frederick Smith

Mykle Kane

TJ Delcon

M.W. Moore

Richard Charlton Pharris Jones

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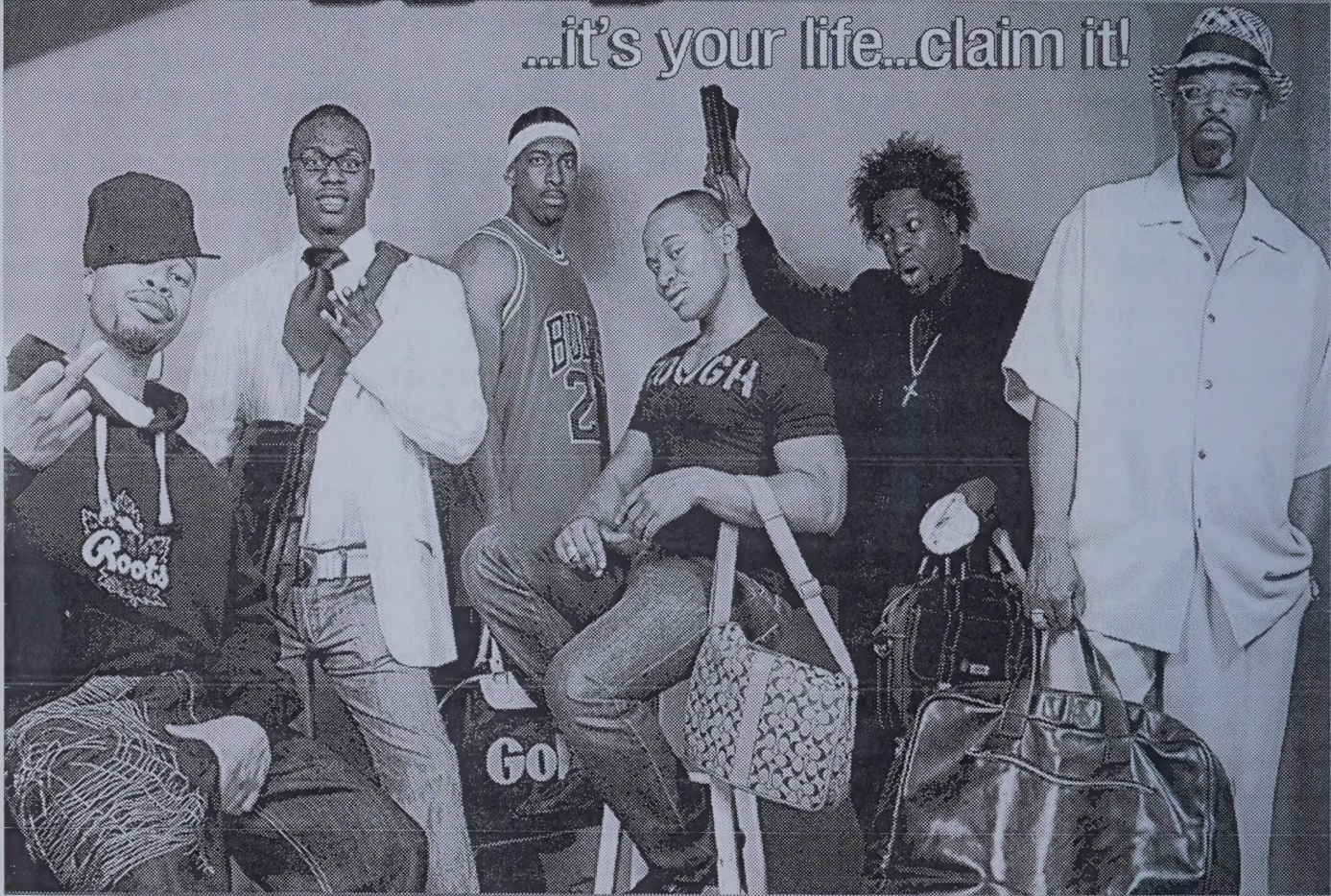
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Author Dwayne Carter's

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Patti LaBelle talks to CNN about new "down low" movie, COVER

Legendary soul singer Patti LaBelle appeared on CNN Newsroom to talk about her new film "Cover" that explores the connection between men on the down low and the HIV/AIDS epidemic among black women. CNN host Betty Nguyen interviewed LaBelle and introduced the piece by describing men on the down low as "having unprotected sex with other men and transmitting HIV to their girlfriends, even their wives."

LaBelle, who plays a role in the movie as a mother with a son in the closet, described the down low problem as "a subject that people don't talk about." LaBelle offered advice to women who find themselves in these situations. "I say if you have a little suspicion, walk girls!" "You know, because sometimes there are signs and you might not see them, and sometimes there are signs and you ignore them because you're so in love with these people." She also offered advice to those who are living on the down low. "If you're going to live a lifestyle, don't be afraid of it, don't be ashamed. Tell somebody so that you can save somebody."

Movie Synopsis: When Ryan Chambers is murdered on New Year's Eve, the prime suspect is Valerie Maas. Valerie is a church-going homemaker whose life unravels when she discovers that her husband of 15 years has not only been living a closeted gay life on the DL, he's infected her with HIV. Her strength of character and faith keeps the family alive as the disease threatens to destroy their happiness. The film is directed by Bill Duke and includes stars Vivica A. Fox, Mya and Louis Gossett Jr. This film is scheduled to be released on DVD on May 13th



IN RELATED NEWS; 1 in 4 American Teenage Girls Has an STD: According to a study released on 3/11/08 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about one in four teenage girls in the United States has at least one sexually transmitted disease (STD), the Associated Press/FoxNews.com reports. **The study also found that this rate was much higher among black girls, with nearly half of them having contracted an STD.** While HIV was not included in the study, girls with one or more STDs are at a higher risk for infection. "High STD rates among young women, particularly African-American, are clear signs that we must continue developing ways to reach those most at risk," says Dr. John Douglas, director of the CDC's STD prevention division.

HIV/AIDS in Middle Tennessee: Data provided by the Tennessee Department of Health & compiled by Nashville CARES

4,819 Middle Tennesseans are currently living with HIV/AIDS (68% of diagnosed).

About 300-340 new cases of HIV/AIDS are reported for Middle TN and 68% live in Davidson County.

In recent years (2002-2006):

African Americans=49% of HIV/AIDS cases in Middle TN and 53% in Davidson County.

Hispanics=6% of HIV/AIDS cases in Middle TN and also 6% in Davidson County.

Unsafe homosexual (MSM) behavior=49% of HIV/AIDS cases in Middle TN & Davidson County

Unsafe heterosexual behavior=25-28% of HIV/AIDS cases in Middle TN & Davidson County

Women in Middle TN & Davidson County =23% of new cases of HIV/AIDS

Teenagers & Youth age 15-24=13% of HIV/AIDS cases in Middle TN & Davidson County

Injection drug users=8-9% of cases HIV/AIDS in Middle TN & Davidson County

Older Middle Tennesseans 55 and up=5-7% of HIV/AIDS cases in Middle TN & Davidson County

ALL sexually active people age 13 & up should get tested for HIV at least once a year!
That includes folks that are single, dating, partnered & married!

GET TESTED, PROTECT YOURSELF AND ALWAYS KNOW YOUR CURRENT STATUS

Finding out your HIV status is as easy as saying "aaah..."



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The BASU® LGBT Community Calendar

The purpose of this Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered (LGBT) calendar is to help groups and organizations work cohesively with one another to allow everyone an opportunity to host and support events and not clash with others whenever possible. It is our hope that this calendar will be utilized to help cut down and eventually stop the overlapping of activities that occurs. The events and gatherings that will be mentioned include local, state, regional and national activities that Brothers United®, YBU, Sisters United or Nashville Black Pride® is either sponsoring, or supporting, as well as other activities submitted by our readers that target the LGBT community. These dates will also be posted on the events page our web site; www.brothersunited.com, and in our eSOURCE e-mail blasts. To submit an event, e-mail djenkins@nashvillecares.org. We respectfully reserve the right to edit or post all material.



APRIL

- 4/5: Nashville CARES Gay Men's Health Fair: 2-5 PM at Blu Bar & Night Club. Contact Ken Barton at 259-4866 x 305
BASU/NBP Volunteer Meeting: 3-5 PM at *SPECIAL LOCATION*: Blu Bar & Nightclub. Contact Dwayne 259-4866 x 269
YBU Movie Night: 6-8 PM at CARES. Contact DaShawn at 615 259-4866 x 221
- 4/6: Ms. All American Femme Pageant: Atlanta GA. Sponsored by the House of Santiago.
- 4/19: YBU Gathering: 5-7 PM at CARES. Contact DaShawn at 615 259-4866 x 221
- 4/20: Mr. Gay Tennessee USA FMI Pageant: Play Dance Club in Nashville. For info contact 615 498-1956.
- 4/24-26: Nt'I Black Justice Coalition: The Power of US National Convention: Baltimore, Maryland. Includes the Health & Wellness Summit, 3rd Annual Black Church Summit, and 2nd Annual Skills Building Leadership Development Conference. This annual gathering convenes the nation's preeminent thinkers to highlight Black LGBT couples, families, high profile activists, religious and spiritual leaders, organizers, artists, designers and more. For more information contact: www.nbjc.org
- 4/25: Conversations: a social gathering of men. RSVP required. Free food & refreshments. Contact Dwayne at 259-4866 x 269
- 4/29: Dining Out for Life: A benefit for Nashville CARES: This popular one-day event brings together dozens of Middle TN restaurants to donate 30% or more of their food sales to CARES. Last year the event attracted 8,000 dinners to 60 area locations and raised over \$70,000 for HIV/AIDS prevention education & support services. Please join us to DINE OUT, FIGHT AIDS!

MAY

- 5/2: Old School Show: French Quarter Cafe: Sponsored by MAC Productions. Contact 615 498-1956
- 5/3: YBU Movie Night: 6-8 PM at CARES. Contact DaShawn at 615 259-4866 x 221
- 5/17: BASU/NBP Volunteer Meeting: 3-5 PM at CARES. Contact Dwayne 259-4866 x 269
YBU Gathering 5-7 PM at CARES. Contact DaShawn at 615 259-4866 x 221
- 5/18: HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- 5/22-26: Miami Sizzle: This Circuit party event includes events from HIM & HER, www.sizzlemiami.com / www.sizzleher.com
- 5/23: Conversations: a social gathering of men. RSVP required. Free food & refreshments. Contact Dwayne at 259-4866 x 269
- 5/26: Memorial Day: Nashville CARES Closed
- 5/30-6/1: Nashville PRIDE Festival: www.nashvillepride.org
- 5/31: Southern Classic Drag King Extravaganza: Sponsored by MAC Productions. Contact 615 498-1956 for details.
YBU Movie Night: 6-8 PM at CARES. Contact DaShawn at 615 259-4866 x 221

JUNE

- 6/1: Nashville PRIDE Festival: www.nashvillepride.org
- 6/12-15: Memphis Black Pride: Contact terrylbuck61@aol.com / 901 331-3438
- 6/27: National HIV Testing Day: No Blood or needles! Contact Dwayne (x 269) or DaShawn (x 221) at CARES 615 259-4866.
Conversations: a social gathering of men. RSVP required. Free food & refreshments. Contact Dwayne at 259-4866 x 269
- 6/28: YBU Movie Night: 6-8 PM at CARES. Contact DaShawn at 615 259-4866 x 221

JULY

- 7/10-13: Nt'I Black Lesbian Conference: Las Vegas, Nevada www.zunainstitute.org
- 7/17-20: Miami Beach Brothaz Event: is an annual Black and Latino gay and same gender loving retreat and social on South Beach. The event includes a male model search and high fashion show, BBQ pool party, networking socials, club parties, workshops, bowling tournament and more! Get the details at www.miamibeachbrothaz.com or visit www.myspace.com/miamibeachbrothaz
- 7/23-27: Adodi Summer Retreat: "Living our Authentic Adodi Lives": Burr Oak Resort and Conference Center Burr Oak State Park Glouster, OH. \$575 before 6/15 & \$625 after (double occupancy) Adodi National, PO Box 1460, Chicago IL 60690-1460.

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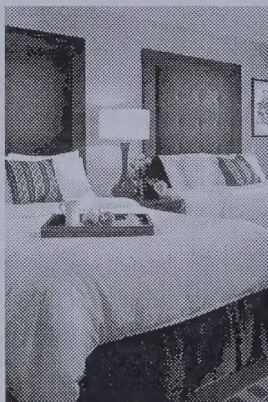
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